

# Introduction

**T**he *Chief Financial Officer's Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2002* is the fifth such report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), two of the federal agencies operating under the leadership of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This report, developed under the auspices of the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, documents how well CDC and ATSDR managed the federal funds provided us and recounts significant program accomplishments made possible through this funding. It provides the American public with an account of their return on their investment as taxpayers and also documents our performance for decision makers at many levels, including HHS, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress, and for our many public health partners who support and further our public health mission.

This annual report consists of two primary sections with numerous subsections. The first section provides an overview of CDC and ATSDR and contains descriptions of the major organizational components and information on management objectives and performance indicators. The second section presents the FY 2002

financial statements that document how we managed and disbursed our funds to complete our mission and responsibilities. This section also includes the independent, objective assessment of a team of auditors; an assessment that details how accurately we have represented our financial condition; specific recommendations for improving our fiscal

management; a message from the Chief Financial Officer of CDC/ATSDR; and a letter from the Director of the Financial Management Office.

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